Former Representative Tells Committee of Company's History.

ARGUES AGAINST STOCK INFLATION

That would complete the resolution so as to give it all the penalty that would be needed.

Franchise Worth Much.

"In 1948 Congress gave one of the best franchises ever granted to a company, a practical monopoly in a great, growing capital city. oNw, that charter of
l848 said, on the question of capitalization, that the exclusive reserved power

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"The limit fixed in the charter was \$30,000. Tradition says that of this \$50,000, \$42,500 was actually paid in, and \$7,500 given as a bonus. In due time Congress gave authority to increase the capitalization by \$300,000 in 1852, and by \$80,000 in 1852.

"No Record Kept.

"Of the first half million there is no evidence left in the Gas Company's orfice in regard to it, either of the stockholders, either of the stockholders, either of the amount paid in, by whom or from where it came, or anything else; not a scintilla. I hold in may hand the Spooner report, made in 1855, by the Senate Committee, of which Mr. Spooner was the chairman.

"As a paid by stockholders into treasury of the company up to 1865, in officers are unable to advise the committee. A statement of the amounts earned by the company, and the disposition to be true, and it may be true, but by whom paid, and of the amounts earned by the company, and the disposition to be true, and it may be true, but by the company at the outset of the investigation to be true, and it may be true, but the processed inability of the company. The professed inability of the company at the outset of the investigation to be true, and it may be true, but the processed inability of the company at the outset of the investigation in a fact most extraordinary, and alimost unprecedented in the history of corporate management. On the — day of the professed inability of the company is the outset of the investigation of or order:

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books and papers as are no longer use to the company. "They would be of use to us now, if we had them.

"The secretary of the company states that under this remarkable authority its president, Mr. Bartol, then and now a large stockholder, residing in Philadelphia, sold the books showing the moneys paid to the company, and by whom paid including stockholders, and the disposition made thereof; in other words, showing the financial transactions of the company for eighteen years, to wit, from 1848 to 1866, to a Philadelphia paper house, Messrs. Allen, Lane & Scott, for \$105, or thereabouts, to be used in the manufacture of paper. The only explanation which is offered of the sale of these books is that some of them were moldy and damp, and some of them had been somewhat irregularly kept.

Committee's Report.

had 6,000 shares at \$25 each, making 155,000 in stock. Now they said, 'increase the unit'—I use the word flat,' but they proposed to increase by legislation—'our \$20 certificates to \$160 in value, and then let used in the sails.' The minority committee say that this would increase the capital stock of the company and by whom paid including stockholders, and they are still on early of the proposition was contained in the bill. This was the minority report.

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"Oh, yes," replied Mr. Hazelton, "Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, oh, o

Committee's Report.

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right of the people to obtain the serv-ice at the lowest cost commensurate with a fair return upon the actual in-Committee's Report.

"Now, that is not my ipse dixit, but a report of a committe of the Senate, headed by one of the brightest men in which, an ordinary person would regard as a pretty good, fair notice to a gard as a pretty good, fair notice to a what what

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Mr. Country here asked if Mr. Haz-elton had made a study of the gas question now before the committee, and the latter replied: "I was attorney for the District for four years during the Harrison Ad-ministration. I have had ever since an epportunity to know about these things."



we court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

None of these cartificates of indebtedness, none of these securities that are prohibited by the resolution, come within that clause. If this corporation have the section they could hold the stockholders for the section and the section of the company appears again that having jurisdiction of the case.

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a yard. Special at.

Checked Taffetas, 19 in. wide, in blue and white, black and Checked Taffetas, 19 in. wide, in blue and white, black and white, gray and white, and 55C brown and white. Special, a yd,

wo-piece suits, automobile coats, children's coats, and dresses.

....Tan Raisin, and Alice Blue.

85c FOULARDS, 24 inches wide. Another large shipment just received, in black and white and blue and white polka-dot patterns; seven different size dots, small and large, as well as the

\$1 DIAGONAL PONGEES, in natural color only, just 600 yards in the lot; 26 inches wide. At a special price tomorrow, yd...

\$1.50 MARQUISETTES, 42 inches wide, and used very ex-tensively this season for overdresses with taffeta, foulard, or pongee foundations; in ivory, white, gray, navy, lavender, and black. Special, a yard......

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\$1.25 satin finish pongee, 65c yd.

2,400 YARDS SILK AND COTTON PONGEES, 36 inches wide; goods ever sold before for less than 75c a yard; a material that is very much used for

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Special purchase of a manufacturer's "clean-up" lot of silks. In a variety of colorings, suitable for making two and three piece suits—Gobelin blue....Reseda....Nat-

Every weave that has been brought out this spring will be found in this mammoth assortment of Dress Goods. Read the list of bargain opportunities.

CREAM SERGE, 56 in. wide, in the much-wanted hard-twisted, heavy-wale effect. Cannot be matched under \$2.00 a yard elsewhere. Special tomorrow, \$1.58

Special, a yard...

CREAM SERGE, heavy wale, ab-

REAL ENGLISH MOHAIRS, in PRIESTLEY'S ALL-WOOL Hard - twisted Fancy Serge, 50 in. wide; worth \$1.29

ENGLISH VOILES, real crow black, with wiry fin worth \$1.50 a yard; for

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ALL-WOOL BLACK PANAMA, dust repellant; 50 inches wide and worth 89c a yard; for

LUPIN'S TAILORED SUIIT-

PRIESTLEY'S ALL - WOOL Black Taffeta, absolutely spotproof; special tomorrow, a 89c ALL - WOOL HAIR - LINE Serges, cream ground, 46 in. wide, and worth \$1.00 a yard, 85c ALL - WOOL HAIR - LINE

Serges, cream ground, 56 in. wide. and worth \$2.50 \$2.00 a yard, for...... CREPE NINON-So fabric; 45 inches wide, and worth \$2.00 a yard; for \$1.58

39c to 50c cotton and silk to sell tomorrow wash fabrics at, a yard - - - -And they are to be out on the bargain tables tomorrow. This material can scarcely be told from

all-silk goods, and will make up into an exceptionally attractive costume for summer wear. The patterns are polka dot, jacquard, and foulards. Colors are White, Alice Blue, Pink, Old Rose, Gray, Mulberry, Reseda, Gun-metal, Heliotrope, Brown, Lavender, and Natural.

YARN - MERCERIZED WASH Pongee that looks like silk, 30 inches wide, a very durable wash fabric. In light blue, nile green, wistaria, tan, raisin, old rose, reseda, pink, cinnamon, black, and white. The regular price is 25c a yard. To-19c

LINEN-WARP CRASH, basket weave, in natural color only; a splendid material for summer suits. Regular price a yard, 29c. 19c First Floor-Wash Goods.

IMPORTED KINDERGARTEN Cloth. This cloth is the same on both sides. It is such a firmly woven fabric that it seems impossible to wear it out. It will not wrinkle, it will not fade, it will not shrink. We have it in stripes, plaids, and plain colors. In blue, brown, gray, and green, and these colors combined with white. For children's summer suits and boys' Buster Brown suits there is absolutely nothing superior. 25c

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Special tomorrow
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29c a vard quality of White
Imported Mercerized Poplin.
to be included in tomorrow's 19c

36-inch-wide Checked Nainsook,
18c quality, and made specially for pajamas. Sale 11/
price tomorrow, yard. 1/2c

10-yard pleces silk-finished English
Nainsook, boxed; worth
\$1.75 per piece. Sale price \$1.29

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BLEACHED I R I S H L I N E N SUITING, superior grade, 90 inches wide, and an actual \$1.25 qual- 85c ROUND-THREAD BELGIUM SUITING, 45 inches wide, all 39c INION LINES SUITING. UNION LINEN SUITING, embroidered dot pattern, 28 inches wide; 10 pieces only to select from; regularly 50c. Sale price, a yard, 29c First Floor-Linen Department.

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